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1. MR. LASZLO KATONA-KIS (TELEPHONE 359 928/150 208) OF THE HUNGARIAN PTT, HAS RECENTLY RAISED WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF A U.S. TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN UPDATING THE PRESENT MONEY ORDER AND PARCEL POST AGREEMENTS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HUNGARY. IN REPLY TO A LETTER TO THE HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OF THE POSTAL MINISTRY, MR. GYULA KRALL, THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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MARCH 10 ADVISED THAT IT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTING STANDARD TEXTS TO BE APPLICABLE FOR ALL NEW PARCEL POST AND MONEY ORDER AGREEMENTS. THE POSTAL SERVICE HAS REITERATED TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS PREPARED TO FURNISH THESE NEW PROPOSALS TO HUNGARY ONCE THEY ARE AVAILABLE. THE PROPOSALS ARE STILL BEING EXAMINED BY THE USPS LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE USPS PREFERS NOT TO SUGGEST

A DATE BY WHICH THEIR REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED.

- 2. THE POSTAL SERVICE HAS EMPHASIZED TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE NEW TEXTS WILL ONLY REVISE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES REGARDING THE MONEY ORDER AND PARCEL POST SERVICES. THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTANTIVE REVISION IN THE AGREEMENTS, AND THEREFORE NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN THE OPERATION OF THE TWO SERVICES AS THEY HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND HUNGARY SINCE THE 1920'S.
- 3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASSURE KATONA-KIS OF USPS AWARENESS OF HUNGARIAN WISH TO EXECUTE NEW AGREEMENTS;

TO ADVISE HIM THAT THE NEW AGREEMENTS THE POSTAL SERVICE WILL PROPOSE WILL NOT DEPART SUBSTANTIVELY FROM EXISTING AGREEMENTS; AND THAT AS SOON AS DRAFT TEXTS ARE AVAILABLE, THE USPS WILL FORWARD THEM TO HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS. VANCE

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